GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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REQUIREMENT OF WAGONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons available with Northern and Western railways for transportation of goods :

(b) whether more wagons are required to achieve the target of transportation of goods :

(c) if so, the details thereof: and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to acquire the required number of wagons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Average holding of wagons (Provisional) on Northern and Western Railways during January, 2003 was 46013 and 30906 four wheeler wagons respectively.

(b & c) With existing holding of wagons, originating revenue freight loading on Indian Railways exceeded the proportionate target upto January, 2003, by 7.87 million tonnes. Cumulative originating revenue freight loading on Northern Railway upto January, 2003 was 7.76 million tonnes more than the proportionate target, whereas on Western Railway, cumulative revenue freight loading, was 3.21 million tonnes less than the proportionate target. Shortfall in loading on Western Railway was also because of less traffic offered for Rail movement.

(d) Acquisition of wagons is a continuing process which is dependent upon the traffic forecast given by the users Ministries/Customers and target fixed for freight loading. Depending upon requirement and availability of funds, wagons are being procured every year.